

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

*100 East Erie Street
Chicago, IL 60611*



Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 20, 2008

10:00 AM

Board Room

Board of Commissioners

*President Terrence J. O'Brien
Vice-President Kathleen Therese Meany
Chairman of Finance Gloria Alitto Majewski
Commissioner Frank Avila
Commissioner Patricia Horton
Commissioner Barbara J. McGowan
Commissioner Cynthia M. Santos
Commissioner Debra Shore
Commissioner Patricia Young*

Call to Order

President O' Brien presiding, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call

Present: 7 - Terrence J. O'Brien; Kathleen Therese Meany; Gloria Alitto Majewski; Frank Avila; Barbara J. McGowan; Debra Shore; and Patricia Young

Absent: 2 - Patricia Horton; and Cynthia M. Santos

Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Debra Shore, seconded by Gloria Alitto Majewski, that the minutes from the last meeting be approved without having to read them into the record. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays

Recess and Reconvene as Board of Commissioners

At 12:40 p.m. President O'Brien reconvened the regular board meeting to order

Finance Committee

Report

- 1 [08-1267](#) Report on investments purchased during February 2008

Published and Filed

Authorization

- 2 [08-1268](#) Cash Disbursements (Voucher Listings) for the Month of February 2008, in the amount of \$23,653,999.49
Approved
- 3 [08-1269](#) Authority to Transfer \$3,700,000.00 Earned Investment Interest Income in the Corporate Fund to the Bond and Interest Funds, Pursuant to the Provisions of 70 ILCS 2605/5.9
Approved
- 4 [08-1270](#) Authority to transfer 2008 departmental appropriations in the amount of \$167,500.00 in the Corporate and Stormwater Management Funds
Approved
- 5 [08-1271](#) Ordinance 08-001 Directing the County Clerk to reduce the levy of taxes for the Bond and Interest Funds in the amount of \$7,100,000.00 for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2007, and ending December 31, 2007
Approved

Approval of the Consent Agenda for this section:

A motion was made by Gloria Alitto Majewski, seconded by Barbara J. McGowan, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 7 - Terrence J. O'Brien, Kathleen Therese Meany, Gloria Alitto Majewski, Frank Avila, Barbara J. McGowan, Debra Shore, Patricia Young

Absent: 2 - Patricia Horton, Cynthia M. Santos

Purchasing Committee**Report**

- 6 [08-1272](#) Report of Bid Opening of Tuesday, March 4, 2008

 Published and Filed
- 7 [08-1273](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, March 11, 2008

 Published and Filed
- 8 [08-1306](#) Report on rejection of bids for Contract 91-177-BE, for Distributed Control System for Solids Processes at the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, Estimated Cost: \$20,000,000.00

 Published and Filed
- 9 [08-1307](#) Report on rejection of bids for Contract 08-625-12, for Diving Services at Various Locations, Estimated Cost: \$90,000.00

 Published and Filed
- 10 [08-1308](#) Report on rejection of bids for Contract 08-880-11, for Rehabilitation of Preliminary Tanks in the Calumet Service Area, Estimated Cost: \$550,000.00

 Published and Filed
- 11 [08-1309](#) Report on the rejection of the Sole Proposal for Duplication of Legal Materials and Other Legal Document Preparation Services for the District's Law Department for a Two-Year Period (07-RFP-33), Estimated Cost: \$110,000.00

 Published and Filed

Authorization

- 12 [08-1310](#) Authorization to increase cost estimate for Contract 08-689-12, Services to Maintain, Test and Upgrade Underground Storage Tanks at Various Locations, in an amount of \$40,000.00, from \$140,700.00 to \$180,700.00, Account 101-69000-612490 (Req. 1223291)
Approved
- 13 [08-1311](#) Authorization to pay the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois, in an amount not to exceed \$76,841.00 for site restoration in connection with Contract 75-131-2H, Des Plaines Tunnel System - North Leg Tunnels, Shafts and Connecting Structures - Fullerton Avenue to Prairie Avenue, Account 401-50000-645600
Approved
- 14 [08-1312](#) Authorization to Change Budget Coding for Contract 08-022-11, Furnish and Deliver Diesel Fuel, from Account 101-69000-623820 to Account 501-50000-623820
Approved
- 15 [08-1213](#) Authority to amend Board Order of February 7, 2008, award of Contract 08-841-11, Services of Tractors and Tillers with Operators in the Calumet Service Area, revised Account 101-68000-612520 (Req. 1222739)
Approved

Authority to Advertise

- 16 [08-1274](#) Authority to advertise Contract 08-033-11 to furnish and deliver miscellaneous filters to various locations for a one (1) year period, estimated cost is \$61,000.00, Account 101-20000-623270
Approved
- 17 [08-1275](#) Authority to advertise Contract 08-048-11 to furnish and deliver rental lab coats, smocks and coveralls to various locations for a two (2) year period, in an amount not to exceed \$26,050.00, Account 101-16000-612490, Requisitions 1237980, 1239013, 1239015, and 1239020
Approved
- 18 [08-1276](#) Authority to advertise Contract 08-685-11, Furnishing and Delivering Rain Barrels to Various Locations, estimated cost is \$280,000.00, Account 101 55000-623990 (Req. 1238433)
Approved
- 19 [08-1277](#) Authority to advertise Contract 08-894-11, Furnish and Deliver a 6" Diesel Trash Pump to the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, estimated cost is \$35,000.00, Account 101 68000-634650 (Req. 1234708)
Approved

- 20 [08-1278](#) Authority to advertise Contract 08-967-11, Security Fence Replacement in the Stickney Service Area, estimated cost is \$45,000.00, Account 101-69000-612420 (Req. 1237034)

Approved

Issue Purchase Order

- 21 [08-1279](#) Issue purchase order for Contract 07-463-11 to JDM Infrastructure, LLC, to Furnish and Deliver Cisco Smartnet Maintenance Services for a Three (3) Year Period, in an amount not to exceed \$513,149.00, Account 101-27000-612820, 612810, Requisition 1226176

A motion was made by Barbara J. McGowan, seconded by Gloria Alitto Majewski, that this Agenda Item be Approved. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 6 - Terrence J. O'Brien, Kathleen Therese Meany, Gloria Alitto Majewski, Frank Avila, Barbara J. McGowan, Patricia Young

Present: 1 - Debra Shore

Absent: 2 - Patricia Horton, Cynthia M. Santos

- 22 [08-1280](#) Issue purchase order for Contract 08-131-11 to Pace Analytical Services, Inc., for Low-Level Mercury Analysis of Treatment Plant Effluent and Ambient Water Quality Samples at Various Locations for a Two-Year Period, in an amount not to exceed \$112,000.00, Account 101-16000-612490, Requisition 1227967

Approved

- 23 [08-1281](#) Issue purchase order for Contract 08-991-11, to Burris Equipment Company, to Furnish and Deliver an Excavator to the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, in a total amount not to exceed \$118,990.00, Account 101-69000-634760, Requisition 1231326

Approved

- 24 [08-1282](#) Issue purchase order for Contract 08-993-11 to Furnish and Deliver One Hydraulic Mini Excavator to the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, to Hogan Walker, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$30,422.98, Account 101-69000-634760, Requisition 1229260

Approved

- 25 [08-1283](#) Issue a purchase order and enter into an agreement with Advanced Technology Services, Inc., to repair Westinghouse/Cutler-Hammer circuit boards at the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, for a two-year period, in an amount not to exceed \$19,800.00, Account 101-68000-612600, Requisition 1230379

Approved

- 26 [08-1284](#) Issue a purchase order (PO) and enter into an agreement with Camp Dresser & McKee, Inc., to provide consulting services for the Chicago Area Waterway System Habitat Evaluation and Improvement Study, in an amount not to exceed \$835,000.00, 07-RFP-34, Account 401-50000-601170, Requisition 1222697

 Deleted by the General Superintendent
- 27 [08-1285](#) Issue a purchase order to CommVault Systems, Inc. for CommVault Simpana backup system Maintenance and Support of the District's storage area network infrastructure for a term of three years (2008, 2009, 2010) in an amount not to exceed \$92,269.04, Account 101-27000-612820 (Req. 1237938)

 Approved
- 28 [08-1286](#) Issue purchase orders to Discflo Corporation, Inc., to Furnish and Deliver Repair Parts for Discflo Pumps at the Stickney and North Side Water Reclamation Plants, for a three year period, in an amount not to exceed \$108,000.00, Account 101-67000, 69000-623270, Requisitions 1229415, 1223993

 Approved
- 29 [08-1287](#) Issue a purchase order and enter into an agreement with Dresser-Rand Company, for Repair Services and Replacement Parts for the Dresser-Clark Centrifugal Compressor System (Blowers), in an amount not to exceed \$193,000.00, Account 101-69000-612650, Requisitions 1224017 and 1231635

 Approved
- 30 [08-1288](#) Issue purchase orders and enter into an agreement with ITT Flygt Corporation for furnishing and delivering new Flygt pumps to the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant and repair services for two Flygt micro hydroturbines at the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant in a total amount not to exceed \$12,518.40, Accounts 101-68000, 69000-612650, 623270, Requisitions 1224451 and 1236512

 Approved
- 31 [08-1289](#) Issue a purchase order to Lexington Lion Chicago, L.P., for maintenance, operation, and capital repairs of the common areas located at 111 East Erie Street, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00
 Account 101-15000-612390 Requisition 1231698

 Approved

- 32 [08-1290](#) Issue a purchase order and enter into an agreement with the Water Environment Federation for sponsorship of WEFTeach at WEFTEC® 2008, in the amount of \$10,000.00, Account 101-15000-612280, (Requisition No. 1239049)

Approved

Award Contract

- 33 [08-1291](#) Authority to award Contract 05-144-3D, to T. J. Lambrecht Construction, Inc., for Lagoon 23 Lining and Lysimeters Installation, LASMA, HASMA, and CWRP, in an amount not to exceed \$10,096,671.91, Account 401-50000-645650, 645750, Requisition 1223271

Approved

- 34 [08-1292](#) Authority to award Contract 08-646-11, Group A, to J & L Contractors, Inc., for Small Streams Maintenance in Cook County, Illinois, in an amount not to exceed \$1,159,000.00, Account 101-55000-612620, Requisition 1231301

A motion was made by Debra Shore, seconded by Barbara J. McGowan, that this Agenda Item be Approved.

- 35 [08-1293](#) Authority to award Contract 08-692-11, for Utilization and Transportation of Air Dried Biosolids from LASMA and the Calumet Service Area, Under Option C, Group A to Land and Lakes Company (Items 1, 2, and 3), in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.00, Account 101-69000-612520, Requisition 1226810

Approved

- 36 [08-1294](#) Authority to award Contract 08-712-11, Anchor Mechanical, Inc., for Chiller Maintenance and Repair at the Egan Water Reclamation Plant, in an amount not to exceed \$74,000.00, Account 101-67000-612680, Requisition 1230866

Approved

- 37 [08-1295](#) Authority to award Contract 08-970-11 to Crescent Cleaning Company, for Janitorial Services at Various Locations in the Stickney Service Area, in an amount not to exceed \$378,091.15, Account 101-69000-612490, Requisition 1228521 (*Deferred at the March 6, 2008 Board Meeting*)

Patricia Young lifted her earlier deferral

Approved

Increase Purchase Order/Change Order

- 38 [08-1296](#) Authority to increase Agreement to Conservation Design Forum for 04-RFP-07, Native Landscape Conversion at the Stickney and Calumet Water Reclamation Plants, in an amount of \$41,920.00, from an amount not to exceed \$78,260.00 to an amount not to exceed \$120,180.00, Accounts 101-67000/68000/69000-601170 (P.O. 3030408) (*As revised*)

Deferred by Barbara J. McGowan

- 39 [08-1297](#) Authority to increase Contract 06-604-11, Furnishing and Delivering Plumbing Materials to Various Locations, in an amount of \$28,777.43, from an amount not to exceed \$123,452.75 to an amount not to exceed \$152,230.18, Accounts 101-67000/68000/69000-612680
Approved
- 40 [08-1298](#) Authority to increase Purchase Order 3047658 and amend agreement to Westin Engineering, Inc. (Westin) to provide professional services for Advisory Services during the Information Technology Strategic Plan Initiation Phase in an amount not to exceed \$240,000.00, from \$160,000.00 to \$400,000.00, Account 101-27000-601170
Approved
- 41 [08-1299](#) Authority to Decrease Purchase Order 3007449 with Niki's Kitchen, to Provide Food Service at the Main Office Building and the Stickney WRP, in an Amount not to Exceed \$2,163.35, from an Amount not to Exceed \$149,000.00 to an Amount not to Exceed \$146,836.65, (01-RFP-01) Account: 101-15000-612490
Approved
- 42 [08-1300](#) Authority to Decrease P.O. 3036256, to Voyager Fleet Systems, Inc., for the Procurement of Fleet Fuel Credit Card Services for a Twelve Month Period, in an Amount not to Exceed \$3,793.71, from an Amount not to Exceed \$120,000.00 to an Amount not to Exceed \$116,206.29, Budget Account No. 101-15000-612080
Approved
- 43 [08-1301](#) Authority for a Change Order on Contract 73 161-FH, Vulcan Conveyance System and Maintenance Facilities, McCook CUP Reservoir, with Graycor Industrial Constructors, Inc. for an extra in the amount of \$14,110.80 resulting in an increase to the contract value from \$30,152,293.87 to \$30,166,404.67, Account 401-50000-645620, Purchase Order 5000562
Approved
- 44 [08-1302](#) Authority for a Change Order on Contract 99 169 2M, Improvements to Sluice Gates and Miscellaneous Work, Racine Avenue Pumping Station, with IHC Construction Companies, L.L.C., for an extra in the amount of \$310,027.54, resulting in an increase in the contract value from \$3,640,718.38 to \$3,950,745.92, Account No. 201-50000-645700, Purchase Order 5000103
Approved

- 45 [08-1303](#) Authority for Change Orders on Contract 01-353-2M, Rehabilitation of the Existing Influent Pumping Station at Kirie WRP, with Rausch Construction Corporation, for Items: 1. a credit in the amount of \$44,085.41, and 2. an extra in the amount of \$87,450.00, resulting in an increase to the contract value in the amount of \$21,276,194.50 to \$21,319,559.09, Account Nos. 401-50000-645650 and 401-50000-645750, Purchase Order 5000394

Approved

- 46 [08-1304](#) Authority for a Change Order on Contract 03 296 3M, Installation of Central Boiler Facility, Calumet WRP, with IHC Construction Companies, LLC, for an extra in the amount of \$181,574.06 and a credit in the amount of \$34,266.23 for a net extra of \$147,307.83, resulting in an increase in the contract value from \$27,519,852,385.74 to \$27,666,852,693.57, Account 401-50000-645650, Purchase Order 5000458

Approved

- 47 [08-1305](#) Authority for a Change Order on Contract 04-294-3M, Calumet TARP Valve Isolation and Pump Station Improvements, Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, with Kenny Construction Company, for an extra in an amount of \$48,821.65, resulting in an increase in the contract value from \$59,323,867.77 to \$59,372,689.42, Account 401-50000-645600, Purchase Order 5000309

Approved

Approval of the Consent Agenda for this section with the exception of items: 21, 26 and 38

A motion was made by Barbara J. McGowan, seconded by Gloria Alitto Majewski, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 7 - Terrence J. O'Brien, Kathleen Therese Meany, Gloria Alitto Majewski, Frank Avila, Barbara J. McGowan, Debra Shore, Patricia Young

Absent: 2 - Patricia Horton, Cynthia M. Santos

Budget & Employment

Report

- 48 [08-1314](#) Report of Budgetary Revenues and Expenditures for the Year Ending December 31, 2007

A motion was made by Debra Shore, seconded by Barbara J. McGowan, that this Report be Published and Filed. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays

Engineering Committee

Report

- 49 [08-1315](#) Report on change orders authorized and approved by the Chief Engineer during the month of January 2008

A motion was made by Frank Avila, seconded by Kathleen Therese Meany, that this Report be Published and Filed. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays

Authorization

- 50 [08-1316](#) Recommendation for the issuance of a permit to 600 Waukegan Road LLC, as Sole Permittee, for a project in unincorporated Northfield Township, Sewerage System Permit Application 06-015

Deferred by Debra Shore

Judiciary Committee**Authorization**

- 51 [08-1317](#) Authority to Settle Claim by the District in the Amount of \$149,586.16 Against Metroplex Corporation (Division of Balfour Beatty Rail Systems) in Connection with Contract No. 04-962-11 "Track Maintenance at the Stickney WRP"

A motion was made by Gloria Alitto Majewski, seconded by Debra Shore, that this Agenda Item be Approved. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 7 - Terrence J. O'Brien, Kathleen Therese Meany, Gloria Alitto Majewski, Frank Avila, Barbara J. McGowan, Debra Shore, Patricia Young

Absent: 2 - Patricia Horton, Cynthia M. Santos

- 52 [08-1318](#) Issue a Board Order Approving and Adopting Hearing Officer Diana Kenworthy's Agreed Order in the Matter of an Appeal Entitled, "Rhodia, Inc. v. Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago," Enforcement Action No. 82550

A motion was made by Gloria Alitto Majewski, seconded by Debra Shore, that this Agenda Item be Approved. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 6 - Kathleen Therese Meany, Gloria Alitto Majewski, Frank Avila, Barbara J. McGowan, Debra Shore, Patricia Young

Abstain: 1 - Terrence J. O'Brien

Absent: 2 - Patricia Horton, Cynthia M. Santos

Maintenance & Operations Committee

Reports

- 53 [08-1319](#) Report on Change in Fund Centers for Various Maintenance and Operations Contracts

 Published and Filed
- 54 [08-1320](#) Report on change orders authorized and approved by the Chief of Maintenance and Operations during the month of February 2008

 Published and Filed

Approval of the Consent Agenda for this section:

A motion was made by Frank Avila, seconded by Kathleen Therese Meany, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 7 - Terrence J. O'Brien, Kathleen Therese Meany, Gloria Alitto Majewski, Frank Avila, Barbara J. McGowan, Debra Shore, Patricia Young

Absent: 2 - Patricia Horton, Cynthia M. Santos

Real Estate Development Committee**Authorization**

- 55 [08-1321](#) Authorize and Approve a Three Month Permit Extension to the Village of McCook ("Village") for the Continued Use of Approximately 1.4 Acres of District land at the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant located South of Pershing Road and Approximately 200 Feet West of the Center Line of Central Avenue in Stickney, Illinois for Use as a Water Pumping Station and Underground Reservoir, c/k/a Main Channel Atlas Number 38.03. Consideration shall be a fee of \$250.00

 Approved
- 56 [08-1322](#) Authorize and approve the issuance of a ninety- (90) day permit extension to Centrum Properties, Inc. for access to a 6-foot x 449.82-foot strip of land for use as a construction site lying east of Cicero Avenue and north of Cal-Sag Road, along the south bank of Calumet-Sag Channel, and c/k/a Cal-Sag Atlas Parcel Numbers 12.07 and 12.08 in the Village of Crestwood, Cook County, Illinois. Consideration shall be a nominal fee of \$2,000.00.

 Approved

Approval of the Consent Agenda for this section:

A motion was made by Debra Shore, seconded by Patricia Young, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 7 - Terrence J. O'Brien, Kathleen Therese Meany, Gloria Alitto Majewski, Frank Avila, Barbara J. McGowan, Debra Shore, Patricia Young

Absent: 2 - Patricia Horton, Cynthia M. Santos

Miscellaneous and New Business

Memorial Resolution

- 57 [08-1325](#) MEMORIAL RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners extending sympathy and condolences to the family of Patrick "P.J." Quinn
- A motion was made by Debra Shore, seconded by Gloria Alitto Majewski, that this Memorial Resolution be Adopted. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays**

Resolution

- 58 [08-1323](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners congratulating Robert E. Ryan, Sr. upon the celebration of his retirement
- A motion was made by Debra Shore, seconded by Gloria Alitto Majewski, that this Resolution be Adopted. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays**
- 59 [08-1324](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners acknowledging and congratulating Michael E. Lavelle, Sr. for his civic contributions
- A motion was made by Debra Shore, seconded by Gloria Alitto Majewski, that this Resolution be Adopted. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays**

Meeting Summary

Speakers

George Blakemore, a private citizen, addressed the Board regarding the District's Affirmative Action Ordinance and suggested the perception of the District should be one of service to the citizens

Summary of Requests

Commissioner Young asked for a report on the impact that the District's 2007 levy abatement will have on the homeowner (Re: Finance Item #19)

Commissioner Young requested a report on past and present employees of the companies who provided janitorial services at the Stickney service area, specifically whether or not they were union members (Re: Purchasing Item #37)

Commissioner Avila asked for the clarification on whether non-union companies can bid on janitorial service contracts (Re: Purchasing Item #37)

Commissioner Avila requested a report on the current financial condition of the Pension Fund and he also asked that mid-year, a report be prepared and distributed to the Board regarding the international investments

Announcements

Debra Shore announced that Saturday, March 22, 2008 is National Water Day

Patricia Young reminded the Board to participate in the "Earth Hour" event Saturday, March 29, 2008 at 8:00 p.m.

Patricia Young invited the Board to attend the MWRD Employee's Credit Union Annual Meeting on Wednesday, March 26, 2008

Board Letter Submission Dates

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for April 3, 2008, please prepare and submit Board items before the following absolute cutoff dates.

Date agenda items are due to the Purchasing Agent for signature and preparation: March 24, 2008

Date Board letters are due to the General Superintendent: 1:00 p.m., March 27, 2008

Adjournment

A motion was made by Debra Shore seconded by Patricia Young, that when the Board adjourns it adjourns to meet on Thursday, April 3, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. and that today's meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays

/s/ Jacqueline Torres
Clerk

APPROVAL:

In accordance with the provisions of 70ILCS 2605/4, each of the foregoing agenda items duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago this March 20, 2008, are hereby approved.

APPROVED:

/s/ Terrence J. O'Brien

President Board of Commissioners of the
Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

March 20, 2008